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**STATEMENT BY MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SCOTT WALKER ON  
TODAY'S BOARD ACTION ON \$126 MILLION SALES TAX INCREASE**

“Without fixing the county fringe benefit problem, Supervisors are pushing for a \$126 million tax increase to pay for pension and retirement benefits. If the sales tax goes up another 1%, taxpayers should rightly call it the pension tax.”

“A new sales tax will not lower property taxes. In 1991, the county enacted a .5% sales tax for that purpose. From 1992 to 2002, property taxes went up 52%.”

“Also, understand that any change in the sales tax must be approved by both houses in the State Legislature and the Governor. None have shown any interest in a tax increase.”

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